

A life sketch of

Caroline Lane Woodhead

1825 – 1863

On July 15, 1825, a daughter was born to James and Mary Ann Davis Lane. They gave this child the name of Caroline. She was born and lived her childhood days in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, England.



During the year 1842, a missionary from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was teaching people about the Church in Caroline's hometown. Caroline became very interested in the teachings this man shared. She was convinced that the message was true and she wanted to join the Church. Her parents were very upset by her interest and desire, and firmly opposed her decision. Caroline studied and prayed to know what to do. She continued to learn and pray for the answers she wanted to know. She sought the help and guidance of her missionary friend, as well as other Church leaders. On May 24, 1849, Caroline was baptized and became a member of the Church. Finally, after seven years, her dream of being a member of the Church was realized.

Life for Caroline became very difficult after her baptism. Her parents disowned her and she found herself on her own. She heard of other members of the Church who were immigrating to America and decided if this was a good option for herself. When she heard that her missionary friend was returning to his home in America and would be traveling with a group of members, Caroline begged for the opportunity to join the company. She said goodbye to her family, took her few personal belongings, and left England bound for a new life in America.

Caroline traveled with this group over sea and across land until she found her way to Utah. Not long after her arrival she met a man by the name of George Thomas Woodhead. Caroline and George were married August 14, 1853 in Salt Lake Valley, Salt Lake, Utah. They lived in the North Ogden area for a time and then settled in Cache Valley, Utah in the community of Paradise where they lived the rest of their lives.

On July 20, 1861, George and Caroline were endowed and sealed in the Endowment House at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Caroline became the mother of seven children:

Flora Elizabeth	July 16, 1854	(died Aug 5 1854)
George Thomas Jr.	August 18, 1855	
Caroline	June 27 1857	
Clara Ann	January 21, 1859	
Darleskie 'Dora' Margaret	April 30, 1861	
Harriet Lodeskie	May 24, 1863	

When Dora was born, the doctor warned Caroline that another child would cause her death. When she became pregnant with Harriet, the family moved closer to George's parents in Paradise. Caroline passed away, May 24, 1863, the day Harriet Lodeskie was born. Caroline was buried in the Paradise City Cemetery, Paradise, Cache County, Utah.

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